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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
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- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
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- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed

the description:

pages 1, 3-7, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 2, 2a, filed with the letter of 12 July 2004 (12.07.2004)

the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 1-8, filed with the letter of 12 July 2004 (12.07.2004)

the drawings:

pages 1/2-2/2, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
 the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
 the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. This international preliminary examination report makes reference to the following search report citations:

D1: XP010140531 JANSSON C ET AL: 'A 1-MHz and 16-bit/spl Sigma//spl Delta/DAC with a 224th-order reconstruction FIR-filter using only 9 nonzero taps' PROCEEDINGS., IEEE INTERNATIONAL

D2: US-A-5 323 157 (IRWIN JAMES S ET AL)
21 June 1994.

2. The present application complies with the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) to (3), because the subject matter of the claims is novel and involves an inventive step.

2.1 Document D1 is the closest prior art for the present application. Document D1 discloses a digital-analog converter (DAC), the arrangement comprising a plurality of delay elements which form a filter structure.

In contrast to the present application, D1 does not disclose that the delay times which are specifically assigned to the respective delay elements correspond to a complete or half clock period, and that the clock signal is chosen in such a way that the filter

characteristic is automatically adjusted when a change occurs in the carrier frequency range of the output signal.

- 2.2 The technical problem is therefore that of designing a DAC which can be tuned to different carrier frequency ranges.
- 2.3 Document D2 discloses a DAC comprising delay elements which obtain a partial cycle period of the clock signal. The solution indicated in claim 1, namely adjustment of the filter characteristic to the change in carrier frequency range of the output signal by suitable choice of the clock signal, is not suggested by D2 or any other of the international search report citations.

The subject matter of independent claim 1 is therefore novel and inventive.

- 2.4 The dependent claims contain all the features of claim 1, and therefore also comply with the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) to (3) with regard to novelty and inventive step.